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Jeff S. Jordan, Esquire Supervisory Attorney Central Enforcement Docket Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

Re: <u>MUR 5164</u>

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We represent the Reform Party of the United States and its Chairman, Gerald Moan. We also represent Mr. Moan in his capacity as the Treasurer of the Reform Party 2000 Convention Committee (hereinafter "the Committee"). In that regard, we have been furnished with your letter of January 12, 2001 and with copies of four Letters of Complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by Donna Donovan.

In her first letter, Ms. Donovan questions the legitimacy of the Committee's convention expenditures because she contends that the Reform Party Convention held in Long Beach, California was illegal. Ms. Donovan asserts that legitimate delegates were denied participation in the Convention and illegitimate delegates were seated. As you may know, Ms. Donovan was part of a rump group which held a counter convention across the street from the location which had been rented by the Reform Party and its National Nominating Convention. Ms. Donovan's contentions that legitimate delegates were denied participation in the Convention is untrue. Any legitimate delegate who wished to attend the Convention was free to pick up a delegate badge and attend. Without knowing who specifically is alleged to have been denied a seat in the Convention Hall, it is difficult to respond with any more precision. I was present at the Convention as counsel to the Party. In fact what happened is that some members of the

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rump group failed to pick up their badges, preferring to attend the counter-convention. I also can advise with certainty that the credentials of disputed delegates were determined by a credentials committee for the Party and ultimately the Convention itself. It is denied that delegates were seated improperly.

Moreover, the "legality" of the Convention has been the subject of litigation in the Superior Court for Los Angeles, County, California. The Superior Court action was brought by the Reform Party against various members who, like Ms. Donovan and in association with her, participated in the rump convention and purported to nominate John Hagelin as the party's presidential nominee, and then place him on various states' ballots. The defendants in that case raised the same argument raised by Ms. Donovan, i.e., that the Long Beach Convention was "illegal." Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James L. Wright rejected those arguments, and issued a preliminary and then permanent injunction affirming the legitimacy of the Long Beach Convention as chaired by Mr. Moan. A copy of both of those Orders is enclosed.

The next three Complaints by Ms. Donovan can be lumped together as complaints about certain discrete expenditures made by the Committee. The first challenged expense is for \$692,296.00 paid to Perelman Pioneer for stage design and Perelman Pioneer was one of several bidders that production. competed for the stage design and production work necessary for the Long Beach Convention. Perelman Pioneer's work resulted in a professional convention witnessed by the FEC Chairman and one other Commissioner, who were present at the Convention for at least one day. In any event, those disbursements are the subject of a pending FEC audit and have been documented by the Committee, and explained to Mr. Richard Halter, who performed the audit on behalf of the FEC. If the General Counsel's Office has any additional questions about these expenditures after reviewing the audit, we would be pleased to give you any further information that may be required.

Ms. Donovan further complains about the expenditure of \$50,000 for a "performance bond" filed in the case before Judge Wright. Actually, the \$50,000 was spent for an injunction bond pursuant to Judge Wright's grant of a preliminary injunction. As set forth above, members of the rump convention, including Ms. Donovan, attempted to place John Hagelin, rather than Pat

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Buchanan, on state ballots around the country as the presidential candidate of the Reform Party. Obviously, the whole purpose of the Committee and the grant of federal funds to run the Convention was to assure that the Party could nominate a presidential candidate to complete in the 2000 election. Ms. Donovan and others associated with her attempted to place John Hagelin on the state ballots, it became necessary to validate the Convention and its presidential nominee, Pat Buchanan. As such, the action in Long Beach Superior Court was directly related to the Convention. In effect, the entirety of the approximately \$2 million which was spent on the Long Beach Convention would have been wasted without this validation of the Buchanan candidacy. In conjunction with the audit, the Committee provided Mr. Halter with full documentation and explanation of this \$50,000 expenditure.

Ms. Donovan next complains about a \$300,000 disbursement to the Performance Group for stage design and public relations. By way of preface, this expenditure was made by Mr. Moan's predecessor as Treasurer of the Convention Committee, Ronn Young. It is the Party's position that the \$300,000 payment was an improper disbursement by Mr. Young. Accordingly, we are pursuing an action against Mr. Young, the Performance Group, and its individual members in the Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia. A copy of that Complaint is enclosed. As with the other expenditures, the documentation of the \$300,000 expense has been provided to Mr. Halter and the Party's views on that expense have also been provided.

In that the field work for the audit has been essentially completed, we would be happy to respond to any questions remaining after the audit has been finalized.

I hope this is sufficient for respond to the issues raised by Ms. Donovan. If it is not, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Dale A. Cooter

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14	REFORM PARTY OF THE UNITED) STATES OF AMERICA, an)	
15	Unincorporated Association)	
16	Plaintiff,	
17	vs.)	
18	JOHN HAGELIN, et al.,	CASE NO. NC 028469
19	Defendants.	[Assigned to Judge James L.
20	REFORM PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JAMES	Wright]
21	MANGIA, SUE HARRIS DEBAUCHE, DROR BAR-SADEH, HARRY KRESKY,	PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND
22	JOHN S. HAGELIN, and NAT GOLDHABER,	DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE AND ORDER THYCE
23	Cross-Complainants))
24	vs.) }
25	GERALD M. MOAN, FRANK REED, PHIL ALEXANDER, TOM) }
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Upon consideration of the Stipulation of the parties, and good cause appearing therefor, it is:

IT IS SO ORDERED that Defendants John Hagelin, James 1. Mangia, Dror Bar-Sadeh, and Harry Kresky, together with their representatives, agents, servants, employees and (collectively "Defendants"), are hereby enjoined from acting as officers, authorized representatives, or candidates of the Reform Party of the United States of America and shall hereby immediately cease and desist from any and all activities in such representative capacity, including, but not limited to: (1) solicitation and/or collection of donations on behalf of the Reform Party of the United States of America; (2) distribution of Press Releases on behalf of the Reform Party of the United States of America; (3) operation of an web-site on behalf of the Reform Party of the United States of America; (4) expenditure of funds on behalf of the Reform Party of the United States of America; (5) solicitation of party members on behalf of the Reform Party of the United States America; (6) efforts to have John Hagelin listed on state ballots as the official candidate of the Reform Party of the United States of America; (7) making any use of the name of the Reform Party of the United States of America or any substantially similar variant or derivation thereof; (8) making use of any logos, non-textual trademarks or service marks belonging to the Reform Party of the United States of America, and (9) making any other oral, written or electronic communication in a representative capacity on behalf of the Reform Party of the United States of America;

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- ORDERED that nothing herein shall enjoin the Defendants from their Constitutionally protected rights of free speech and freedom of assembly;
- ORDERED that nothing herein shall enjoin the Defendants from seeking membership, office, endorsement, nomination, or candidacy from the Reform Party of the United States of America, as provided under the Constitution of the Reform Party of the United States of America;
- ORDERED that, in the event any of the Defendants attain 4. membership, office, endorsement, nomination, or candidacy from the Reform Party of the United States of America, as provided under the Constitution of the Reform Party of the United States of America, is not enjoined from holding himself out or otherwise identifying himself as a member, officer, nominee, or candidate of the Reform Party of the United States of America;
- ORDERED that this Order shall be filed forthwith in the 5. Clerk's Office and entered of record and that the \$50,000.00 cash deposit in lieu of bond of the Reform Party of the United States of America required pursuant to this Court's Preliminary Injunction shall be released forthwith and the funds returned to the Reform Party of the United States of America, payable to the client escrow account of Cooter, Mangold, Tompert & Wayson, PLLC;
- 6. ORDERED that Defendant Dror Bar-Sadeh shall relinquish all right, title, and claim to the domain name www.reformparty.org, web-site, web page, URL, links between the national and state level Reform Party of the United States of America web-sites and shall take all actions necessary to transfer to the Reform Party of the United States of America effective control of the domain name

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- 7. ORDERED that Defendant James Mangia shall transfer to the Reform Party of the United States of America all records and assets of the Reform Party of the United States of America which are in his possession, custody or control;
- 8. ORDERED that Defendant Harry Kresky shall transfer to the Reform Party of the United States of America all records and funds of the Reform Party of the United States of America which are in his possession, custody or control;
- 9. ORDERED that the Preliminary Injunction issued by this Court in the above-captioned matter is vacated as to Sue Harris DeBauche;
- 10. ORDERED that all claims in this matter brought by the Reform Party of the United State of America against James Mangia, John Hagelin, Harry Kresky and Dror Bar-Sadeh, not granted herein, be and hereby are dismissed with prejudice; and
- 11. ORDERED that all the claims in this matter brought by James Mangia, John Hagelin, Harry Kresky, Dror Bar-Sadeh and Nat Goldharber against the Reform Party of the United States, Gerald M. Moan, Frank Reed, Phil Alexander, Tom McLaughlin, Patrick J. Buchanan and Ezola Foster be and hereby are dismissed with prejudice.
- 12. ORDERED that each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

I am employed in the aforesaid County, State of California; I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 2029 Century Park East, Suite 900, Los Angeles, California 90067-2910.

On January 4, 2001, I served the foregoing **PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE AND ORDER THEREON** on interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof which were enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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(State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed this 4th day of January, 2001, at Los Angeles, California.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTH DISTRICT		
REFORM PARTY OF THE UNITED) Case No. NC 028469 STATES OF AMERICA,		
15 STATES OF AMERICA, 16 Plaintiff,) [Hon. James L. Wright]		
) PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION 17 vs.		
JOHN HAGELIN, et al.,) Defendants.) DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2000		
) TIME: 8:30 a.m.) DEPT: "S"		
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The Court having considered Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Defendants' Opposition thereto, and the argument of counsel, and good cause appearing therefor:

The Court states:

When James Mangia left the National Committee Meeting ("Meeting") of the Reform Party of the United States ("Reform Party"), he failed to give notice to the remaining unchallenged delegates of his intent to convene an alternate Meeting. Mangia also failed to give notice to any of the remaining, unchallenged delegates, including Gerald Moan, that a vote would be taken to remove Gerald Moan as Chair of the Reform Party. This lack of notice violated the due process requirements of the Reform Party Constitution. Consequently, James Mangia could not be nominated or elected to hold the position as Chair of the Reform Party and Gerald Moan remains as Chair.

The Meeting and Convention chaired by Gerald Moan were conducted in conformity with the Reform Party Constitution. The Meeting and Convention chaired by James Mangia, which resulted in the John Hagelin nomination, violated the Reform Party Constitution.

Based thereon, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury if the requested injunctive relief is not granted.
- 2. At the Reform Party's National Convention, Patrick

		J. Buchanan was properly nominated as the party's
		candidate for President and Ezola Foster was
		nominated as its candidate for Vice President. The
	·	nominations were in conformity with the Reform
		Party Constitution.
	3.	Defendants are currently holding John Hagelin out
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- Defendants are currently holding John Hagelin out to the public, Reform Party members, State governments, the Federal Elections Commission and others as the official Presidential candidate of the Reform Party. And NAT Crownship Associated Presidential Condidate of Associated Presidential Condidate of Condidate Presidential Condidate President
- 4. Defendants are currently stating to the public,
 Reform Party members, State governments, the
 Federal Elections Commission and others that
 Buchanan and Foster are not the legitimate nominees
 of the Reform Party.
- 5. Defendants are currently controlling the Reform Party's website to the exclusion of the duly elected officers of the Reform Party.
- 6. Unless Defendants are enjoined, the Reform Party will be irreparably harmed by the public confusion resulting from Defendants' actions.
- 7. Unless Defendants are enjoined, the public's confidence in the Reform Party, its management and its leadership will be diminished, to the irreparable harm of the Reform Party.
- 8. Unless Defendants are enjoined, the Reform Party's ability to communicate with the public will be irreparably harmed.

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1	9.	There is a substantial likelihood that Plaintiff
2		will succeed on the merits of this action because
3		Defendants have no colorable claim that they are,
4		or represent, the official Reform Party of the
5		United States of America or the official candidate
6		of the Reform Party.
7	10.	The National Convention of the Reform Party was
8		chaired by Gerald Moon in conformity with the
		Reform Party Constitution.

- 11. John Hagelin and Nat Goldhaber were not nominated or selected to serve as candidates of the Reform Party.
- Denial of injunctive relief will cause greater 12. injury to Plaintiff than the grant of relief will to Defendants because Defendants have no right to assert themselves as the representatives or candidates of the Reform Party.
- 13. Issuance of injunctive relief will serve the public interest by preserving the Reform Party.

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants John Hagelin, James Mangia, Nat Goldhaber, Sue Harris DeBauche, Dror Bar-Sadeh, Harry Kresky and their representatives, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, or anyone acting on their behalf or under their alleged authority, are hereby enjoined from:

(1) solicitation and/or collection of donations on behalf of the Reform Party of the United States;

1	(2)	distribution of Press Releases on behalf of the Reform
2		Party of the United States;
3	(3)	operation of an website on behalf of the Reform Party
4		of the United States;
5	(4)	expenditure of funds on behalf of the Reform Party of
6		the United States;
7	(5)	solicitation of party members on behalf of the Reform
8		Party of the United States America;
9	(6)	undertaking any effort or committing ant act to promote
10		John Hagelin and Nat Goldhaber as the official
11		candidates of the Reform Party of the United States of
12		America;
13	(7)	making any use of the name of the Reform Party of the
14		United States of America or any substantially similar
15		variant or derivation thereof;
16	(8)	making use of any logos, non-textual trademarks,
17		service marks, or similar marks belonging to the Reform
18		Party of the United States of America; and
19	(9)	making any oral, written, electronic or other
20		communication on behalf of the Reform Party of the
21		United States of America;
22	IT IS	FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall post a bond of
23	\$50,000, 0	r deposit that sum with the Court in lieu of a bond,
24	within twe	nty-four hours of entry of this Order.
25		SEP 13 2000 JUDGE WRIGHT .
26	Dated: Sep	tember, 2000
° 27		Judge of the Superior Court
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PROOF OF SERVICE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES I am employed in the aforesaid County, State of California; I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 2029 Century Park East, Suite 900 Los Angeles, California 90067-2910. On September 15, 2000, I served the foregoing PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows: Please See Attached Service List BY MAIL X 12 13

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(State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Federal) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service wa made.

Executed on September 15, 2000, at Los Angeles, California.

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